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Update: Criminal Procedure Monograph 6—Pretrial Motions (Third Edition)

Part 2—Individual Motions

6.28 Motion to Suppress the Fruits of an Illegal Seizure of a Person

Discussion

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The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's ruling. The Court noted that the call upon which the police based their stop of the defendant was more akin to a call from a known citizen than a call from an anonymous tipster, because the police were aware of the address at which the caller lived and actually pulled up in front of the caller's house while the call was still ongoing. The Court accordingly found that the call was sufficiently reliable to provide the police with reasonable suspicion to conduct an investigatory stop of defendant.

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6.37 Motion to Suppress Evidence Seized Without a Search Warrant

1. Searches of Automobiles for Evidence

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